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BOEING EMPLOYEE PLEADS GUILTY TO DAMAGING HELICOPTER

PHILADELPHIA - Matthew Montgomery, 33, of Trevoze, pleaded guilty today to willfully injuring property under contract to the federal government, announced Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid. Matthew admitted that on May 10, 2008, he damaged a "Chinook" helicopter under manufacture by Boeing at its Ridley Township plant that was slated for delivery to the United States Army. Montgomery intentionally cut through approximately half of a bundle of over 150 electrical wires, disabling the aircraft. Boeing had to remove, replace, reinstall and retest all the wires and systems relating to that set of wires and closed the plant for its investigation.

Montgomery faces a maximum possible sentence of 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, 3 years supervised release, a \$100 special assessment and restitution of over \$250,000 when sentenced on January 5, 2009.

The case was investigated by the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and the U.S. Army, Criminal Investigative Command. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Pamela Foa.

A separate act of vandalism on a Chinook helicopter at the Ridley Park plant, also reported by Boeing on May 10th, remains under active investigation. A \$10,000 reward is being offered for information leading to conviction in that case.

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